



Dean A. Nichols

September 19, 1934 - June 24, 2024

Dean A. Nichols was born on September 19, 1934, in Garden City, KS. Dean passed away on June 24, 2024. He attended Eastern Washington University and received his teaching certificate. He was a long time teacher and librarian in the Wenatchee School District, working at Orchard Junior High and Pioneer Middle School.

Dean was an avid fisherman and spent many hours fishing with his buddies at Potholes, Moses Lake, and Rufus Woods Lake. He also loved airplanes. He served as a firefighter in the Air Force, earned his pilots license at age 16, and eventually earned flight instructor certification. Later in life his love for airplanes shifted to flying radio controlled models. He was a long-time member of the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers and very much enjoyed his association with friends in that organization.

Dean was a devout Catholic and regularly attended St. Joseph's Parish in Wenatchee. He also joined the Knights of Columbus and served with KC-Help, where he enjoyed helping people in need.

Dean was a loving father and husband and was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara, in 1979; his daughter, Mary, in 1994; and many beloved dogs over the years. He is survived by his wife, Dottie; and his children: Marcy (John) Rumelhart of Spokane, WA, Mike (Lisa) Nichols of Redmond, WA, Beth (Reed) Hanson of Rexburg, ID, Julia (John) Dilley, of Olympia, WA, and Tim (Amy) Dilley of Wenatchee, WA, as well as 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Dean's family would like to thank the caregivers and staff of Family Resources in Wenatchee, Confluence Health Hospital and Cashmere Post Acute for their patient attention to Dean while he was in their care.

A Funeral Mass will be offered for Dean at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 625 S. Elliott Ave., Wenatchee, WA, at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, June 28, 2024. Burial will be at a later date at Riverview Cemetery in Chelan.

Any donations may be made to KC-Help at P.O. Box 3850, Wenatchee, WA, 98807. Jones & Jones- Betts Funeral Home of Wenatchee is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Mass

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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